

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

9:00 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Meisner called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Coulouris, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltrown, Simpson, Hildenbrand, Rick Jones, Knollenberg (12/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Clemente, Dean, Valentine, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Meltzer (7/19)

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 5476** before the committee.

HB 5476	Byrum	Income tax; checkoff; Michigan law enforcement officers memorial monument fund; provide check-off option.
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Representative Byrum explained the intent of the bill.

Todd Jenkins, representing himself, testified in **support** of the bill.

Cathy Cole, representing the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Monument Fund, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

Sheriff Gene Wriggelsworth, representing Ingham County, testified in **support** of the bill.

John Buczek, representing the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police, testified in **support** of the bill. He also submitted written material.

Larry Steckelberg, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Wendy Venier, representing the Michigan Sheriff's Association, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Written material in **support** was submitted by:

Kenneth Grabowski, representing the Police Officers Association of Michigan; and

Thomas Krug, representing Lodge #141, Fraternal Order of Police.

Representative Byrum moved to report **House Bill 5476** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Coulouris, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltrown, Simpson, Hildenbrand, Rick Jones, Knollenberg (12/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 5600** before the committee.

HB 5600 Sak Economic development; renaissance zones; eligibility criteria; provide for certain modifications.

Representative Sak explained the intent of the bill and answered questions.

James McBryde, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

Representative Robert Jones moved to adopt the minutes from the meetings held on November 7, 2007 and January 29, 2008. Hearing no objection, the motion prevailed.

Representative Hildenbrand moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Meisner** excused **Representatives Clemente, Dean, Valentine, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, and Meltzer**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **9:37 a.m.**

Representative Andy Meisner, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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